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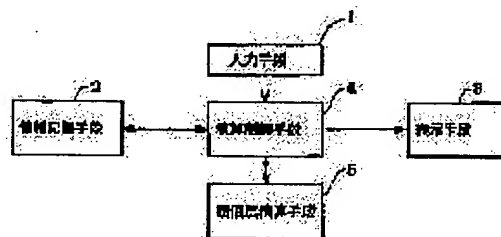
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(54) RETRIEVAL ASSISTANCE DEVICE FOR PATENT DATA BASE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To increase the retrieval efficiency by comparing information on a patent to be applied for with patent information in a data base file, and automatically and displaying similar patents and their similarities.

CONSTITUTION: An input means 1 selects, sets, and outputs a specific key word, specified by a user among key words of patent information to be applied for, as a retrieval key. An information storage means 2 previously stores plural pieces of applied patent information as the data base file and a display means 3 displays retrieved results (bibliography item, similarity, etc.) on a display. Then an arithmetic and control means 4 retrieves the data base file according to the retrieval key to extract the corresponding patent and controls the respective means 1-3, and 5. Further, a similarity arithmetic means 5 compares the retrieval key of the object application with the patent information in the data base file, automatically operates the similar patents and their similarities, and displays the results by the display means 3.



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